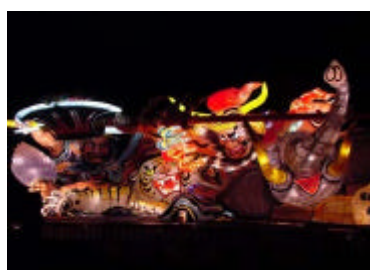


### WELCOME TO MISAWA!

Misawa Air Base, Japan is home to the 35th Fighter Wing Wild Weasels. Located on the northern tip of the main Japanese island of Honshu, Misawa is considered “The Point on the Tip of the Spear.” The 35th Fighter Wing consists of two squadrons of F-16CJs, the legendary “Wild Weasel” hunter/killers. In addition to the 35 FW, Misawa also hosts numerous major tenants such as Naval Air Facility Misawa (P-3 Orion), the Misawa Security Operations Center (a joint national intelligence organization), and the Japan Air Self Defense Forces’ premier 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Wing, which flies F-2s (F-16 derivative), F-4s, E-2Cs, and CH-47s. Operationally, this base is always hopping as Japan’s northernmost Air Base.



Although not located next to a metropolis, Misawa is a “fully loaded” base, with all the amenities you would expect: BX/Commissary, gyms, bowling, library, schools, Club, theater, and much more. In addition, the Weasel’s Den, a high-adrenaline recreation center, opened in March 2005. The Air Force’s largest indoor recreation center, it boasts a skate park, inline skate hockey rink, children’s play areas, climbing wall, and go-cart track inside a spacious 65,000 square feet facility to ensure year-round availability. And whatever you can’t get on-base, you will find in a local community that is very supportive of the U.S. presence.

The 35th Civil Engineer Squadron, the Dragon Slayers, is known as a “Can Do” unit with an outstanding reputation. The daily ops tempo is very high due to the nearly 800-person (300 mil, 21 US civ, 470 JN civ) workforce and \$80-\$90M annual CE budget. Approximately \$50M to \$60M of this amount is Host Nation funding for new facility construction and utility reconstruction. At Misawa, there are two seasons: Winter and Construction. With these resources, we make things happen constantly for our installation.

Misawa is a true gem, recently highlighted when we were selected as the Winner of the 2005 CINC Installation Excellence Award, making us the premier Air Force base on Earth! This award confirmed our reputation as **“The Pride of the Pacific”** as Misawa was PACAF’s CINC IEA nominee and an Air Force finalist for both 2004 & 2005. The 35 CES is the foundation upon which this awesome performance is based. Since 2003, this squadron has won 1 DoD, 7 Air Force, and 22 PACAF Awards with 2005 not even close to complete. Our Squadron Chant, **“Mess with the Bull...Get the Horns”** always roars out across Misawa as we have taken 8 of the 14 Wing Annual Awards the last two years. Yes, we are proud, but we don’t boast; we prove it.



In addition to being a part of this phenomenal team, there are financial aspects to living here in Japan. All military members receive a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) based on family size and whether they live on-base or off-base. US civilian employees receive a non-taxable Living Quarters Allowance to pay for off-base housing and utilities (which means basically **free** housing), plus, a non-taxable Post Allowance is also provided to offset the cost of living in Japan.

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Misawa AB contains over 13,000 active duty military (Air Force, Navy, Army, Marines), DoD civilians, dependents, and contractors. There are over 2,200 housing units on base and over 1,500 rental houses off base, with a large percentage living in newer houses with many, if not all, Western amenities. The DoD schools on base are excellent and drug free; there are two Elementary Schools and one Jr/Sr High School (a new Middle School to redistribute the students is in a future Japanese construction program). As mentioned above, Misawa has all the on-base activities and functions you find at an

Air Force base. In addition, Misawa AB has its own beach with cabins, pavilions, a children's play and swim area on Lake Ogawara, and an 18-hole golf course.

Misawa AB is part of a rural Japanese community centered around the city of Misawa (pop. 50,000) and small towns interspersed with rice fields. The weather is temperate in both winter and summer. The countryside in this part of Japan is quite scenic with a wonderful mix of mountains, forests, a few lakes, the Pacific Ocean (3 miles away) and the Sea of Japan to the west. The seafood is fresh!! Misawa is located as far north as New York, with this replica Statue of Liberty a few miles south of Misawa Air Base at the same latitude as the original.

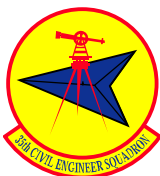


It may not be a big city, but it is an absolutely terrific place for families. If a person yearns for the Big City, Tokyo is a mere 3+ hours away by Bullet Train. The Japanese are a kind and gracious people, and are eager to interact with Americans. There is much to see and experience both locally and within a couple hours drive. Nature adventuring, fabulous skiing and snow boarding, surfing, and even fishing are just a short drive from here. Actually, there are 11 different ski resorts within about 2 hours of Misawa. Throughout the year, there are numerous colorful and exciting Japanese festivals for visual enjoyment or even participation in some cases. One of the most famous

within a very reasonable travel distance is the annual Sapporo Ice Festival on the island of Hokkaido. Visitors from all over the world enjoy this festival. Living here also offers the opportunity for travel to exotic destinations such as Australia, Thailand, Singapore, Seoul, Hong Kong, and Beijing.

**BOTTOM LINE:** A great assignment and a wonderful place to live. Working at Misawa is an exciting job opportunity and an experience you will relish for the rest of your life. Come join us for the best assignment of your career!

### 35th Civil Engineer Squadron



## DRAGON SLAYERS



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